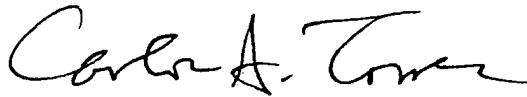


**Remarks**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application. In the present amendment, claims 1-10 have been canceled and claims 3-10 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 11-20 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As presently amended, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Torres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carlos" and last name "Torres" clearly distinguishable.

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